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Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 20-Nov-99 (Thousand Head)

	Current Week	Previous Week
	11/20/99	11/13/99
Bro-Fry	146,690	154,965
Lt Hens	2,049	1,741
Hvy Hens	1,489	1,457

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 13-Nov-99 (Thousand Head)

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	284	0	284
Last Week	442	0	442
Same Wk Yr Ago	249	17	266
To Date 1999	20,668	249	20,917
To Date 1998	22,845	305	23,150

(R) Revised

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,132	1,550	3,682
Last Week	2,227	1,416	3,643
Same Wk Yr Ago	1,929	1,327	3,256
To Date 1999	113,853	64,198	178,051
To Date 1998	114,025	57,039	171,064

Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 13-Nov-99 (Thousand Head)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	148,379 (A)	1,848	1,550	3,398
Avg Wt	5.02	3.35	7.73	5.35
Last Week	154,731	1,785	1,416	3,201
Same Week Yr Ago	151,333	1,680	1,310	2,990
Avg Wt	4.95	3.46	7.93	5.42
To-Date/1999	6,832,017	93,185	63,949	157,134
To-Date/1998	6,590,095	91,180	56,734	147,914

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 144.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 150.2 million head or 6.0 million head less than or 104 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending November 6, 1999**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
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Head	35,651	35,805	39,580
Avg Weight	3.82	4.88	6.16
% Of Total /1	32%	32%	36%
Comparisons			
Last Week	31,898	27,049	44,859
Avg Weight	3.84	4.87	6.12
% Of Total /1	31%	26%	43%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	25,016	32,326	38,374
Avg Weight	3.85	4.76	6.06
% Of Total /1	26%	34%	40%
To Date/1999	1,406,676	1,376,820	1,804,792
To Date/1998	1,502,347	1,599,588	1,301,805
/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding			
/2 Comparable Week			

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 06-Nov-99
(Thousand Head)**

	Fryer- Roasters	Young Turkeys	Old Banded	Total
Head	0	6,355	15	6,370
Avg Wt	0.00	23.86	29.60	23.87
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	0	5,703	46	5,749
Same Week Yr Ago	0	6,465	43	6,508
Avg Wt	0.00	25.12 (B)	25.35	25.12
To-Date/1999	55	214,791 (B)	1,615	216,461
To-Date/1998	72	223,950 (B)	1,693	225,715

(B) Includes 674,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 1,006,000 in 1998.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.
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